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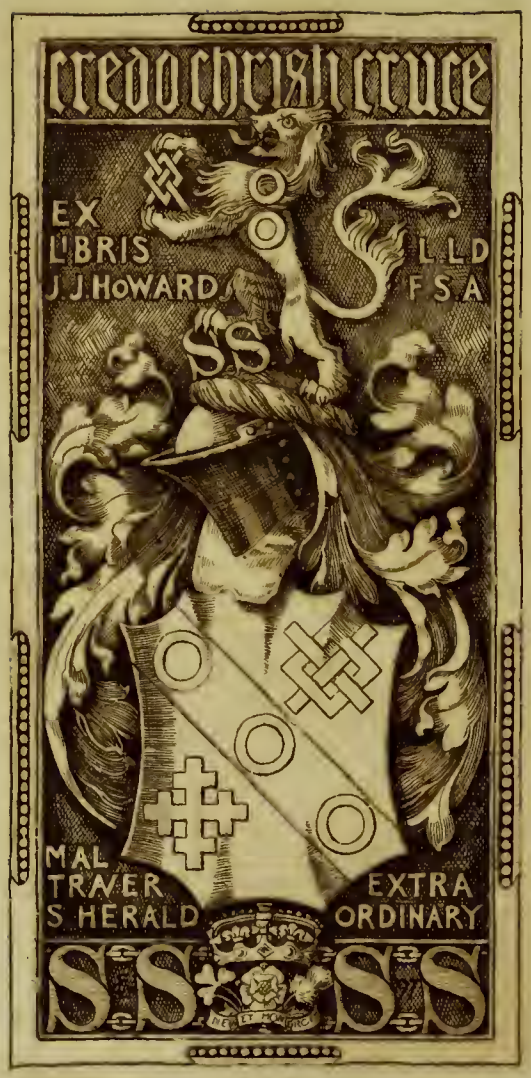

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GENEALOGICAL SKETCH

OF THE FAMILIES OF

REV. WORTHINGTON SMITH, D.D.

AND

MRS. MARY ANN (LITTLE) SMITH,

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LINEAGE OF REV. WORTHINGTON SMITH, D.D.

The family of the late Rev. Worthington Smith, of St. Albans, Vermont, is traced with remarkable ease and certainty to the emigrant ancestor, SAMUEL SMITH, who, with his wife, ELIZABETH, and four children, viz.: *Samuel*, æt. 9; *Elizabeth*, æt. 7; *Mary*, æt. 4; and *Philip*, æt. 1, embarked for New England, from Ipswich, England, in the ship "Elizabeth," in April, 1634. The certificate of the master of the ship, preserved in the state paper office in England, a copy of which will be found in Hotten's Lists of Emigrants, gives the age both of Samuel and wife as thirty-two, at date of embarkation. Dr. Bond, in his history of Watertown, Mass., expresses the opinion that the family settled first at that place, removing in the ensuing year, with many others, to Wethersfield, Conn.

From the first Samuel appears to have taken a leading part in the affairs of the settlement. He commanded, with the rank of Lieutenant, the military force; was a magistrate, and probably Deputy for several years between 1637 and 1644. Hinman thinks that this latter distinction belongs to the *son* Samuel, but it is obvious that at the time mentioned he was too young to hold office. In 1650 a number of the Wethersfield settlers, among them Samuel Smith, removed and founded the

town of Hadley, Mass. Here at last the family found a permanent resting place after their wanderings, and here five successive generations lived and died. For more than two hundred years the family was continuously represented among the male citizens of the town. In Hadley, as in Wethersfield, Samuel Smith "held important offices, both in church and State." He died in 1680, aged seventy-eight. His wife died in 1686.

Of the four sons of Samuel (1), the eldest, Samuel junior, removed to New London, Connecticut, where he was an active and conspicuous member of the community. He held the military rank of Lieutenant, the highest rank at that time conferred for a single town, and seems to have been prominently concerned in all important affairs. After reaching middle life, he made a journey to Virginia, from which he never returned. Letters were received from him, dated at Roanoke, but he offered no explanation of his continued absence, and after repeated remonstrances from the church, which were wholly disregarded, a divorce was granted to his wife, daughter of Rev. Henry Smith, of Wethersfield. The motive which prompted this inexplicable conduct remains a mystery. The apparent desertion of his wife forms a singular episode in the history of a family remarkable during two centuries for sober and Godly life. It is believed that this man had no children. Philip, the second son, is described as having been "one of the first men of his time in the town of his adoption" (Hadley), where he succeeded his father as Lieutenant and Deputy. After an eminently useful and exemplary life, he died, in 1685, "murdered by an hideous witchcraft," according to Cotton Mather. John, the youngest son, was slain by the Indians, in Hatfield Meadow, May 30, 1676. Each of these latter left children.

2. CHILEAB, the third son of Samuel (1), is the ancestor of the branch of the family now under consideration. He was born in this country, about 1636, and died March 7, 1731, aged 95. He married Oct. 2, 1661, Hannah, daughter of Luke Hitchcock, of Wethersfield. She died Aug. 31, 1733, aged 88. Fourteen children were born of this marriage, viz.: *Hannah*, born July 7, 1662, married, March 23, 1681, John Montague; *Samuel*, born March 9, 1665; *Luke; Ebenezer*, born July 11, 1668; *Nathaniel*, born Jan. 2, 1670, died same month; *John*, born Oct. 8, 1671, married, 1691, Martha Golding, and died about 1750; a *son*, who died 1673; *Hester*, born March 31, 1674, married, Oct. 20, 1696, Nathaniel Ingram; a *daughter*, who died March, 1677; *Elizabeth*, born Feb. 2, 1679, married, Oct. 26, 1698, James Smith; *Mary*, born Aug. 16, 1681, married (1), Dec. 15, 1697, Preserved Smith, (2) April 22, 1721, Peter Montague; *Chileab*, died Aug., 1682; *Chileab*, born Feb. 18, 1685; *Sarah*, born April 26, 1688, married, April 13, 1710, Jonathan Morton.

3. LUKE, second son of Chileab (2), was born April 16, 1666, was Captain, died in 1748, aged 82. He married, in 1690, Mary, daughter of Samuel Crow, of Hadley, who died June 19, 1761, aged 89. They had eleven children, viz.: *Luke*, born Feb. 12, 1691, died June 15, 1693; a *son*, born April 5, 1692, died four days later; *Mary*, married, Dec. 2, 1714, John Preston; *Hannah*, born March 1, 1694, married Nathaniel Dickinson; *Luke*, born May 21, 1697; *Samuel*, born May 23, 1699; *Jonathan; Ruth*, born April 8, 1703, married, Feb. 13, 1724, Israel Dickinson; *David*, born July 7, 1707,; *Joseph*, born March 22, 1710; *Sarah*, born May 5, 1713, married, Aug. 9, 1734, Rev. James Smith, of Granby.

4. JONATHAN, fifth son of Luke (3), deacon, born

March 4, 1702, died April 4, 1774, aged 72. He married, Dec. 16, 1725, Rebecca, daughter of Nehemiah Dickinson, of Hadley. She died Oct. 3, 1726. He married for his second wife, Jan. 31, 1734, Mehitable, daughter of Lieut. Samuel Cooke, of Northampton, Mass. She was born in 1717, and died in 1766. He had eleven children, all but one by his second wife. This second wife was a descendant of William Westwood, who emigrated from Ipswich, England, in the ship "Francis," at about the same date with Samuel Smith. The reports of the voyages of the two ships, "Elizabeth" and "Francis," with their respective lists of passengers, are included in one "Petition" on file in the royal archives of Great Britain. William Westwood was a man of property, and brought with him two servants.

The children of Jonathan were: *Oliver*, born Sept. 23, 1726; *Enos*, born Nov. 19, 1734, died Feb. 11, 1738; *Rebecca*, born Oct. 27, 1736, married, Jan. 24, 1760, John Cooke, and died July 30, 1761; *Seth*, born Feb. 6, 1738, died nine days thereafter; *Mehitable*, born March 24, 1740, married, June 17, 1760, Eliakim Smith; *Anne*, born June 22, 1742, married, Nov. 15, 1770, Timothy Eastman, and died Dec. 7, 1777; *Enos*, born June 28, 1745; *Jonathan*, born Jan. 28, 1747; *Seth; Ebenezer*, born and died June 24, 1751; *Perez*, born Sept. 20, 1754.

5. Seth, sixth son of Jonathan (4), deacon, born June 24, 1751, died June 30, 1828, aged 75. He married, Nov. 10, 1779, Lydia, daughter of Thomas Smith, of Hadley, and Rhoda (Worthington) his wife. Lydia died Aug. 23, 1828.

This connection with the Worthington family has been commemorated among the descendants of Deacon Seth Smith, by repeatedly conferring the family name, Worthington, as a baptismal name upon their children. The

two sisters, Sybil and Rhoda Worthington, great-grand-daughters of the emigrant, Nicholas Worthington, of Colchester and Hatfield, marrried respectively the brothers Reuben and Thomas Smith, of Hadley. Sybil had been previously married to Elijah Smith, cousin of the above-named brothers. The sisters were women of rare excellence and strength of character. Sybil lived to be over one hundred years of age, and was known to persons still living (1878), who hold her memory in high respect.

The children of Seth were eight in number, viz.: *Ebenezer*, born in 1781, and died in 1782; *Ebenezer*, born and died in 1783; *Seth*, born July 4, 1785, graduated at Yale college, and was minister of the congregational church in Genoa, New York, where he died Jan. 30, 1849. He married Nov. 29, 1810, Margaret, daughter of Samuel Porter (the 4th,) of Hadley. One son and eight daughters were born of this marriage. *Ephraim*, born June 17, 1787, and died Jan. 8, 1788; *Ephraim*, born Oct. 8, 1788, was a farmer in Hadley, where he died Nov. 7, 1869. He married, Jan. 29, 1812, Ruth, daughter of John Smith, of Hadley, (the fourth of that name in direct descent from Philip, eldest son of the first Samuel, the emigrant), and had five sons and two daughters, *Elijah*, born Oct. 24, 1791, was a farmer in Hadley, where he died June 20, 1861. He married Maria, daughter of John Smith above mentioned, and had five daughters. *Worthington; Lydia*, born March 12, 1799. Lydia married William O. Gadcomb, of St. Albans, Vt., where both are still living (1878). Their two sons, Sandford and William Worthington, died unmarried.

6. Rev. Worthington, D.D., seventh son of Seth (5,) born in Hadley, Mass., Oct. 11, 1795, died in St. Albans, Vt., Feb. 13, 1856. He married, July 1, 1823, Mary

Ann, daughter of Dr. Ephraim Little, of St. Albans. Worthington Smith graduated at Williams College in 1816, pursued theological studies at Andover, and was settled as minister of the first Congregational church in St. Albans, in 1823. He filled that office for twenty-six years, and resigned it in 1849, to assume the presidency of the University of Vermont, which he held until disabled by his last illness.

A faithful sketch of his life has been published, prepared by his lifelong friend and fellow laborer, Rev. Joseph Torrey, D.D., Professor in the University of Vermont. For the purposes of this paper it is sufficient to say that he was a man of marked ability and eminent personal worth, exerting all his life a wide and most beneficent influence, and enjoying the highest consideration in the community to which he belonged.

LINEAGE OF MARY ANN LITTLE.

The family record of Mrs. Mary Ann (Little) Smith is, on the father's side, as follows:

1. THOMAS LITTLE, emigrant from England, settled in Plymouth as early as 1630, and is said to have been a lawyer. He married, in 1633, Ann, daughter of Richard Warren, of Plymouth. Richard Warren came to this country in the "Mayflower," 1620, [see note at the end] leaving in England his wife, Elizabeth (Juatt), and five daughters, who followed him three years later. His two sons, Nathaniel and Joseph, also settled in this country, but the date of their arrival is not known. It is said that Joseph was grandfather of General Joseph, who fell at Bunker Hill.

Thomas Little and wife removed in 1650 to Marshfield. He died March 12, 1671. Their children were: *Thomas*, killed by Indians in Rehoboth fight, 1676; *Samuel*, who married Sarah Grey; *Ephraim; Isaac*, born about 1646; *Hannah*, married Stephen Tilden; *Mercy*, married John Sawyer in 1666; *Ruth*, and *Patience*. Both Ephraim and Isaac had descendants, among whom was the distinguished Capt. George Little, U. S. Navy, but I am unable to determine with certainty from which of the brothers he was descended. One account makes him

the grandson of John, who was son of Ephraim; another traces his parentage to a grandson of Isaac. The family was conspicuous in Plymouth, Marshfield and Scituate, for several generations.

2. Ephraim, son of Thomas (1), born in Plymouth, 1650. He married, in 1672, Mary, daughter of Samuel Sturtevant, of Plymouth, and had children, viz.: *Ephraim*, born 1673, graduated at Harvard College 1695, and became minister at Plymouth; *Ruth*, born 1675, died soon; *David; John*, born 1683; *Ann*, and *Mary;* and perhaps others. He and his wife both died in 1717 or 1718, and were buried in Scituate.

3. David, of Scituate, second son of Ephraim (2), born in 1680, a lawyer. He married Elizabeth ———, and had five children, viz.: *Ephraim; David*, born in 1712; *Nathaniel*, born in 1714; *Elizabeth*, born in 1719; *Mary*, born in 1721.

4. Rev. Ephraim, eldest son of David (3), born in Scituate, April 9, 1708, died in Colchester, Conn., June 5, 1787. He graduated at Harvard College in 1728, and was minister of the first church in Colchester for fifty-five years. He married his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Samuel Woodbridge, of East Hartford, whose wife, Mabel, was daughter of Rev. Daniel Russell, of Charlestown, Mass., and Mehitable Wyllys, his wife. The latter was granddaughter of John Haynes, first governor of Connecticut. Rev. Samuel Woodbridge was minister of the first church in East Hartford, and was grandson of Rev. John Woodbridge, minister of the first church of Andover, Mass. Rev. Ephraim Little married, for his second wife, Abigail, daughter of John Marsh, of Hadley, and widow (1) of Dr. Waitstill Hastings, of Hatfield, and (2) of Col. John Bulkley, of Colchester.

The children of Rev. Ephraim, by his first wife, were: *Elizabeth*, born Jan. 26, 1739; *Content*, born Aug. 11, 1740, married Hon. John Hastings, of Hatfield; *Ephraim*, died in infancy; *Mabel*, born June 7, 1744; *Lucretia*, born June 11, 1747; *Ephraim; Diodate*, born Sept. 10, 1750; *Molly*, born Aug. 8, 1752.

5. Ephraim, son of Rev. Ephraim (4) and Elizabeth, his wife, born Nov. 10, 1748. He is supposed to have maried Bethiah, daughter of Samuel Wheeler, of Cummington, Mass., by whom he had one child, also named *Ephraim*. The father, according to family tradition, was master of a vessel, and perished by shipwreck before or soon after the birth of his son. Scarcely anything is known of his history.

6. Dr. Ephraim, son of Ephraim (5), born in Cummington, Mass. Both of his parents having died in his infancy, he was brought up by Samuel Wheeler, brother of the child's mother, and studied medicine with Dr. Peter Bryant, father of William Cullen Bryant, the poet. He married, about 1802, Elizabeth, daughter of Selah Norton, of Ashfield, Mass., and Anne Porter, his wife. Mrs. Anne (Porter) Norton was daughter of Hon. Eleazar Porter, of Hadley, and great-granddaughter of the first Samuel Porter. By the mother's side she was great-granddaughter of William Pitkin of Hartford, father of William Pitkin, governor of Connecticut.

Dr. Ephraim Little settled in St. Albans, Vermont, where he died Dec. 30, 1827. His children were: *Mary Ann; Jane*, born May 24, 1808; and *Elizabeth*, born Jan. 21, 1812, died Nov. 19, 1840. The sisters Mary Ann and Jane are still living (1878). The following mention is extracted from a letter written by Mrs. Mary Ann (Little) Smith, relative to her father:

"Dr. Little died in his fifty-first year, having been for many years clerk and deacon of the first Congregational church in St. Albans, and having won the confidence and friendship of the community in which he lived, by his consistent Christian life and by the lively sympathy, the untiring assiduity with which in the walks of his profession he ministered to the wants of the sick, the dying and the afflicted."

Mrs. Elizabeth Little, from the time of her husband's death until her own, which occurred Dec. 8, 1856, lived in her daughter's family, where she was held by all in great love and veneration. She was distinguished by eminent good sense and independence of spirit and by a certain nobility of nature in which warm affections, a sunny temperament, and utter unselfishness were alike conspicuous.

7. Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Dr. Ephraim (6), born in St. Albans, Vermont, Nov. 16, 1803, married July 1, 1823, Rev. Worthington Smith, minister of the first Congregational church in St. Albans.

[For the children of Rev. Worthington and Mary Ann (Little) Smith, see page 17 *et seq.*]

Aside from his direct male lineage, as given in the foregoing pages, Rev. Worthington Smith was descended through the wives of his various progenitors from the following original colonists of New England, nearly all of whom emigrated from the mother country before the

middle of the seventeenth century. A few names not yet discovered are wanting to complete the list:

George Alexander, of Windsor.
Samuel Allen, of Windsor.
Robert Blott, of Charlestown.
Thomas Bunce, of Hartford.
Richard Church, of Hartford and Hadley.
Aaron Cooke, of Northampton.
John Crow, of Hartford and Hadley.
Nathaniel Dickinson, of Wethersfield and Hadley.
Nathaniel Foote, of Wethersfield.
Thomas Ford, of Northampton.
William Goodwin, of Hartford and Hadley.
Thomas Graves, of Hatfield.
Luke Hichcock, of Wethersfield.
William Hopkins, of Stratford.
Rev. Ephraim Huett, of Windsor.
William Lewis, of Hartford and Hadley.
Joseph Loomis, of Windsor.
John Marsh, of Hartford and Hadley.
Thomas Scott, of Hartford.
Joseph Smith, of Hartford.
Hon. John Webster, of Hartford and Hadley.
William Westwood, of Hartford and Hadley.
John White, of Hartford and Hadley.
Thomas Woodford, of Hartford.
Nicholas Worthington, of Hatfield.

Mrs. Mary Ann Smith in like manner numbers among her ancestors the following emigrants :

William Arnold, of Providence, R. I.
Aaron Cooke, of Northampton.
John Cowles, of Hatfield.

Ozias Goodwin, of Hartford.
Hon. John Haynes, of Hartford; first governor of Conn.
—— Norton.
William Pitkin, of Hartford.
Samuel Porter, of Hadley.
Richard Russell, of Charlestown.
Timothy Stanley, of Hartford.
Thomas Stanley, of Hartford and Hadley.
Samuel Sturtevant, of Plymouth.
Thomas Swift, of Dorchester.
Rev. Nathaniel Ward, of Ipswich.
Richard Warren, of Plymouth.
John Webb, of Northampton.
William Westwood, of Hartford and Hadley.
Samuel Wheeler, of Haddam.
Rev. John Woodbridge, of Andover.
Samuel Wyllys, of Hartford.

At various intervals of from one to five generations following the emigrant ancestors, each of the forty-three families named in the foregoing list became united by marriage either to that of Samuel Smith, or of Thomas Little, and their blood has found a common channel in the children of Rev. Worthington and Mary Ann Smith. A genealogical chart in my possession shows the names of the individuals through whose respective marriages these families belong to the pedigree, but the document is too bulky to be transcribed here.

NOTE.

It was no part of my purpose in preparing material for this sketch to pursue my inquiries beyond the period of the emigration to America, and although several of the families named have a known ancestry for one or two generations in the mother country, it has not seemed desirable to extend the record in these isolated cases. The history of one of these families has however been the object of very extensive research, and the results are so remarkable that I enter them here as a matter of legitimate curiosity and interest to the descendants of Richard Warren, of Plymouth. The information afforded by the following pedigree was mainly collected in England, in 1851, by Dr. J. C. Warren, who has since published an elaborate book on the subject. The facts, as given by him, are accepted as authentic by reputable works on kindred subjects, and are, so far as I can learn, undisputed.

LINEAGE OF RICHARD WARREN, OF PLYMOUTH,

EMIGRANT BY THE "MAYFLOWER," 1620.

(1.) William de Warrenne, Earl of Warrenne in Normandy, and first Earl of Surrey, a near kinsman of William the Conqueror; held immense possessions in England, the reward of his services at the Battle of Hastings. He married Gundred, or Gundreda, daughter of King William, and resided at the castle of Lewes, in Sussex.

(2.) William, son of William (1), second Earl of Warrenne and Surrey, married Isabel, daughter of Hugh, Earl of Vermandois, and died May 11, 1138. His eldest son, William, the third earl, died a Crusader, in Palestine, without male issue, leaving the title to his daughter Isabel.

(3.) Reginald, second son of William (2), married Adela, daughter of Roger de Mowbray.

(4.) William Warren, son of Reginald de Warrenne (3), married Isabel, daughter of Sir William de Hayden, knight.

(5.) Sir John, son of William (4), married Alice, daughter of Roger de Townshend, esquire.

(6.) John, son of Sir John (5), married Joan, daughter of Sir Hugh de Port, knight.

(7.) Sir Edward, son of John (6), married Maud, daughter of Richard de Skeyton.

(8.) Sir Edward, third son of Sir Edward (7), married Cicely, daughter of Nicholas de Eaton, knight.

(9.) Sir John, son of Sir Edward (8), married Agnes, daughter of Sir Richard de Wynnington, knight.

(10.) Sir Lawrence, son of Sir John (9), married Margery, daughter of Hugh Bulkley, esquire, of Ware, in Shropshire.

(11.) John, son of Sir Lawrence (10), married Isabel, daughter of Sir John Stanley, knight.

(12.) Sir Lawrence, son of John (11), married Isabel, daughter of Sir Robert Leigh, knight.

(13.) William, second son of Sir Lawrence (12), seated at Counton, Nottinghamshire, married Anne ——, died 1496.

(14.) John, son of William (13), married Elizabeth ——, died 1525.

(15.) John, second son of John (14) of Headbury, Parish of Ashburton, Devonshire.

(16.) Christopher, son of John (15).

(17.) William, son of Christopher (16), married Ann, daughter of John Mable, of Calstocke, Cornwall.

(18,) Christopher, son of William (17), married Alice, daughter of Thomas Webb, of Sidnam, Devonshire.

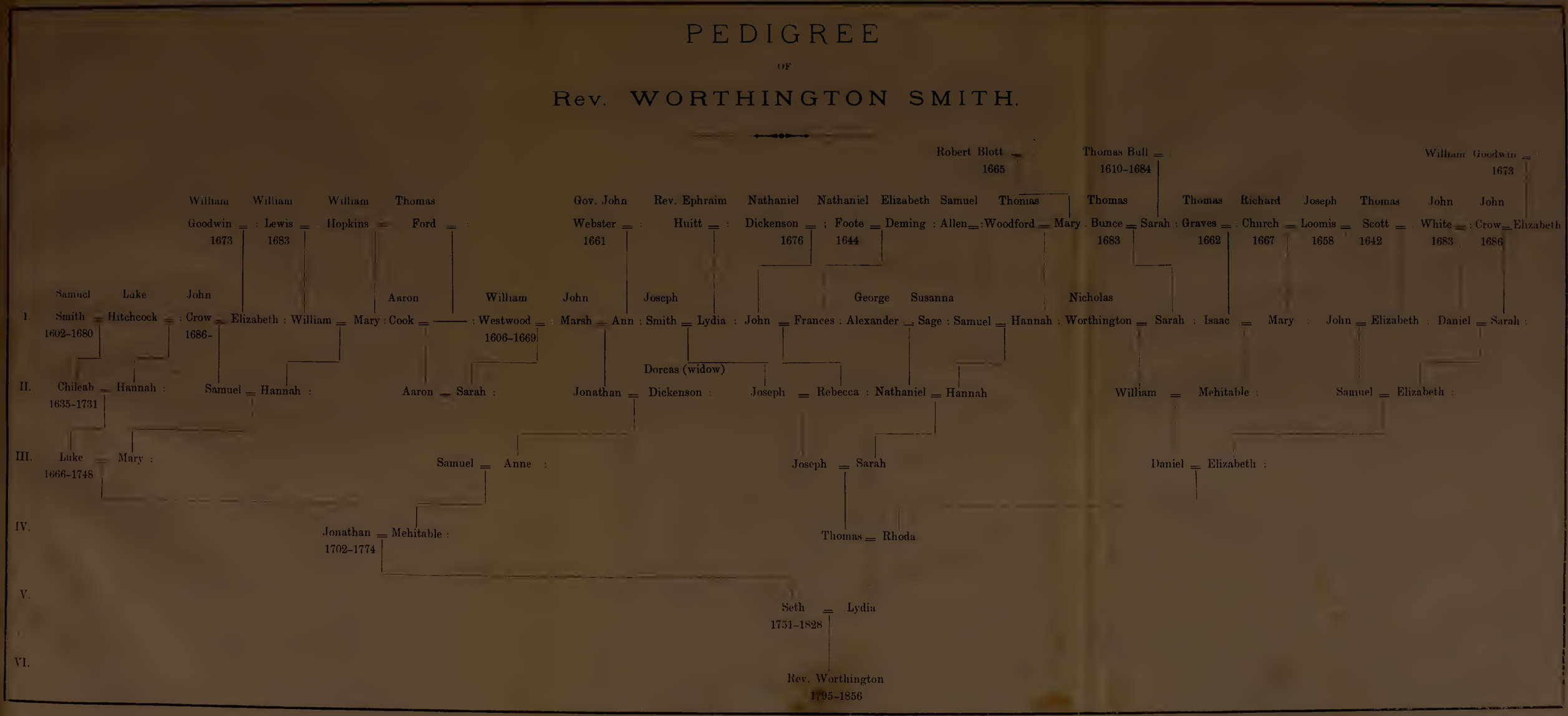
(19.) Richard, fourth son of Christopher (18), of Greenwich, Kent, married Elizabeth Juatt (or Jewett), and came to Plymouth in the "Mayflower," 1620. His children, all born in England, were :

Nathaniel, married Sarah Walker.
Joseph, married Priscilla Faunce.
Mary, married Robert Bartlett, of Plymouth.
Ann, married Thomas Little, of Plymouth.
Sarah, married John Cooke, Jr., of Plymouth.
Elizabeth, married Richard Church.
Abigail, married Anthony Snow.

PEDIGREE

OF

Rev. WORTHINGTON SMITH.



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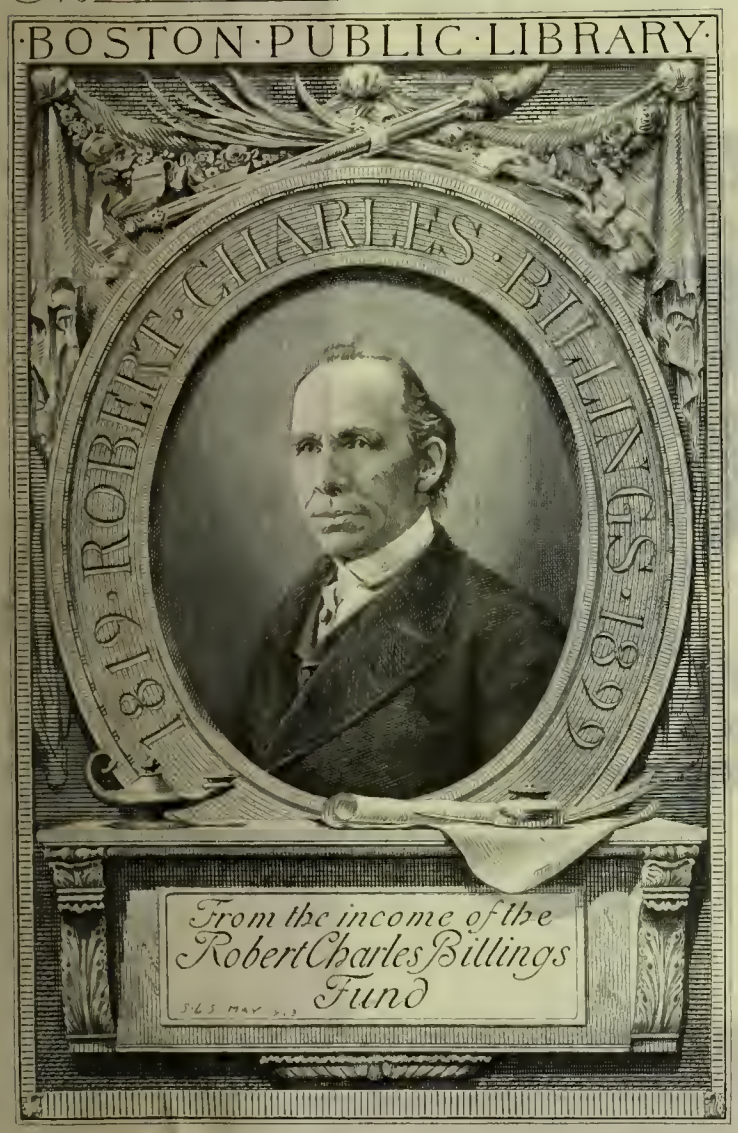
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